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William Eldon

Dewhirst Is *Jan. 16, 1945* Missing in Action

Was in the Thirtieth Infantry Division in the First Army During the Recent German Drive

Mrs. William Eldon Dewhirst and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dewhirst, of Newton, were notified Sunday that Private First Class Dewhirst had been missing in action in Luxembourg since December 18. He was in the Thirtieth Infantry division in the American First army, and was in the path of Field Marshal von Runstedt's recent German drive to break through to Antwerp.

Besides his parents and wife, he leaves one brother, Private First Class James A. Dewhirst in Germany, and one sister, Mrs. Roe Bower of near Wheeler.

Mrs. Dewhirst, the former Vernice Irene Shook, was in Evansville, being employed in an aircraft plant there.

Brother of Mrs. Bills Missing

Mrs. Walter Bills of Newton has received word that her brother, First Lieutenant Hill Walling, has been missing since December 18, following a Super-Fortress raid on Tokyo.

His plane was seen to drop its bombs over the Jap capital and to get away before dropping back. It is supposed that it crashed on the water, but the crew members may have washed up on some island.

Died of Pneumonia

Mrs. Walter Chamblin of Lawrenceville, formerly of Newton, has received word from the War Department that her son, Private George M. Chamblin, died on December 12, supposedly of pneumonia.

He leaves his wife, the former Maxine McFarland of Lawrenceville; one son, Bruce Dean Chamblin; his mother; and one brother, Charles Chamblin in California.

Clifford A. Kibler Is Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kibler of Casey, formerly of Rose Hill, have received word from the War Department stating that their son, Staff Sergeant Clifford A. Kibler, had been seriously wounded in action in Luxembourg December 18.

They have also received a letter from him, dated January 1, which told that it was his right arm that was injured. He was unable to use it and had someone else to write for him. He was in a hospital in England when the letter was written.

Kenneth Kibler Is Wounded

Mrs. Elma Kibler of Newton has received a letter from her grand-son, Sergeant Kenneth Kibler, written from a hospital in France. He stated that he had received a bullet wound in the shoulder, and would be in the hospital another thirty days. He is in the Infantry.

Sergeant Kibler, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kibler of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was born and spent his childhood at Newton.